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First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) Weekly Update to the

State & Territory Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) – June 22, 2015

FirstNet News

- Last week, we held initial consultation meetings in Vermont, Kansas, and Wisconsin bringing the total to 37 consultation meetings to date. We also held pilot consultations with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the Department of Justice (DOJ).

- Last week, FirstNet participated in the New York State Wireless Forum, the Telecommunications Association of Michigan ComPulse Annual Convention, the 2015 Arkansas Interoperability Conference and the U.S. Conference of Mayors Annual Conference.

- This week, FirstNet will participate in the Utah Communications Authority Technology Seminar, Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association Conference and the National Sheriffs Association Annual Conference, including a presentation to their Indian Affairs committee.

- Next week, a Tribal Working Group (TWG) member will present at a telecom breakout session during the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year Conference in St. Paul, Minn. entitled "Pursuing Digital Sovereignty: Removing Barriers and Achieving Success"

- To date, FirstNet has received 53 of 56 completed consultation checklists. Confirmed upcoming initial consultation meetings are: North Dakota (7/9), Illinois (7/14), Alabama (7/15), Georgia (7/21), California (7/28-29), Tennessee (7/23), Pennsylvania (8/4), Hawaii (8/11-12), American Samoa (8/13-14), Indiana (8/26), Michigan (9/1), New Jersey (9/3), Alaska (9/9) and Arizona (9/15). An updated schedule can be viewed on the [website tracker](#).

- FirstNet is accepting applications for the below vacancy. The position closes on Thursday, 6/25.

  Program Support Specialist (Federal Public Safety) (ZA-0301-4)

  First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet)

  Locations: Reston, VA

DEU vacancy announcement: NTIA-FRNA-2015-0147

MAP vacancy announcement: NTIA-FRNA-2015-0148

From the PSAC and States/Territories

- Join us this Thursday, 6/25 from 2:00-3:30 pm EDT for an optional webinar. Lesia Dickson of the Texas Public Safety Broadband Program, will be presenting on the eLearning platform that Texas has chosen, as well as the two comprehensive courses: Introduction to Public Safety Broadband and the Interoperable Communications Technical Assistance Program (ICTAP) Mobile Data Survey Tutorial (MDST). The eLearning modules can be used as is by other states without charge at the Texas eLearning site, or other states can have the eLearning modules to adapt for their own needs, saving time and funds. This invitation should already be in your Outlook inbox. This webinar replaces our normal June SPOC/SWIC regional calls.

- The state of Oregon has developed an easy-to-use online GIS tool to capture stakeholder feedback regarding coverage objectives: (Tutorials: https://youtu.be/67xNVVlDBT0 and https://youtu.be/fL7homF2_BY)

- The state of Washington has posted a Washington FirstNet by the Numbers infographic to its website.

Media Watch

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Traditional Media
The FirstNet congressional hearing dominated this week's media coverage. There was a large media turnout including news services and trade publications that report on public safety, telecommunications, government procurement, and congressional developments for the hearing. In general, the media coverage was positive as it tracked the subcommittee's posture that FirstNet has made major progress building a high-performing organization

and laying the foundation for the network through its programs and activities. Other topics covered in the news this week include FirstNet state consultation meetings.

Broadcasting & Cable: Pallone Sings Praises of FirstNet

http://www.broadcastingcable.com/news/washington/pallone-sings-praises-firstnet/141776

House Democratic leaders had both praise and advice for FirstNet in advance of a hearing Tuesday (June 16) on the status of the broadband-based interoperable emergency communications network being funded through FCC spectrum auctions.

The Hill: First Responder Network Will Be Secure, Chief Assures Lawmakers

http://thehill.com/policy/technology/245195-first-responder-network-will-be-secure-chief-reassures-lawmakers

Strong cybersecurity will be built in to a nascent network for emergency first responders, its director said at a Tuesday hearing.

Urgent Communications: House Subcommittee Applauds FirstNet's Progress Toward Nationwide Public-safety Network

http://urgentcomm.com/ntiafirstnet/house-subcommittee-applauds-firstnet-s-progress-toward-nationwide-public-safety-network?page=1

Members of a House subcommittee and the state of Ohio CIO yesterday expressed support for FirstNet's timely execution of its deployment roadmap during a hearing on the topic.

Web and Social Media
We continue to see a steady increase in the use of FirstNet social media communications channels. The FirstNet Twitter account now has 2,327 followers; LinkedIn 780 users; Google+ 48 users; and YouTube 125 subscribers. A new blog post prepared by FirstNet's Director of Applications, Mark Golaszewski, was published on the FirstNet website that provides a high level description of what an Applications Ecosystem is, and how a robust ecosystem is an essential part of the future National Public Safety Broadband Network. The blog post can be accessed here: http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog/what-applications-ecosystem. All blogs are located at: http://firstnet.gov/newsroom/blog